

**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_, Series 2010**

**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION  
AMENDING KRS CHAPTER 65 TO PERMIT THE CREATION OF  
REGIONAL WASTEWATER COMMISSIONS.**

**Sponsored By:** Councilwoman Tina Ward-Pugh and Councilman Stuart Benson

**WHEREAS**, continued economic growth in regions throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky is dependent upon continued development and the resultant needs for improving and safeguarding water quality; and

**WHEREAS**, more immediate examples of economic growth, in the Salt River Basin, including Bullitt, Oldham, Shelby, Spencer, Jefferson, and Nelson counties, will be positively affected by growth at Fort Knox through BRAC (Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission); and

**WHEREAS**, the challenges of improving and safeguarding water quality of the Commonwealth's watersheds, creeks, streams, lakes, and rivers through improvements in wastewater infrastructure and expanded wastewater treatment capacity favors a cooperative, regional approach; and

**WHEREAS**, in the 2009 regular Kentucky Legislative Session, a bill (HB 422) was filed and introduced to amend KRS Chapter 65 to permit the creation of Regional Wastewater Commissions throughout the Commonwealth; and

**WHEREAS**, the legislation would allow entities owning wastewater facilities to become members of the Regional Wastewater Commission, appoint Commissioners, and to enter into cooperative partnerships to plan, improve, construct, and operate wastewater treatment facilities to serve regional areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the creation of the Regional Wastewater Commissions would benefit the citizenry of the Commonwealth by allowing communities to share the capital and operating costs of improving and expanding wastewater treatment while improving opportunities for economic activity and water quality; and

**WHEREAS**, the Louisville Metro Council supports the creation of Regional Wastewater Commissions and wishes to express its support to the Kentucky General Assembly.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT (“LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL”) AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The Louisville Metro Council respectfully petitions the Kentucky General Assembly to authorize by legislation the amendment of KRS Chapter 65 to permit the creation of Regional Wastewater commissions in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

**Section 2.** A copy of this Resolution shall be sent by the Louisville Metro Council President to Kentucky State Senators and Representatives of the citizens of Louisville Metro to encourage them to reintroduce and support such legislation.

**Section 3.** This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

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Kathleen J. Herron  
Metro Council Clerk

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Thomas L. Owen  
President of the Council

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Jerry E. Abramson  
Mayor

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Approval Date

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:**

Michael J. O’Connell  
Jefferson County Attorney

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